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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OF INTRUSION INTO BUFFER ZONE

REF: SINAI 2086

1. AT 0730 HOURS LOCAL TIME 10 NOVEMBER 1976, SFM LIAISON OFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY UNMO FROM CHECKPOINT BRAVO WENT TO WADI SOUTHEAST OF SFM TO PHOTOGRAPH FOOTPRINTS AND CAMEL TRACKS, FOUND BY TRACKING TEAM NOVEMBER 9, 1976 (REFTEL). AT 1000 HOURS LOCAL TIME IDF ACCOMPANIED SFM LIAISON OFFICER TO POINT ON J-LINE WHERE IDF ALLEGES INTRUDERS CROSSED INTO IDF TERRITORY FROM BUFFER ZONE ON NOVEMBER 8, 1976. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN.

2. COMPARISON OF PHOTOS SHOWS SMOOTH SOLED BOOT PRINT IN WADI IS SIMILAR AND PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH SET OF PRINTS FOUND AT J-LINE WHICH HEADED NORTH INTO IDF TERRITORY. RIDGED BOOT PRINT FOUND AT J-LINE IS SIMILAR AND MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH PRINTS FOUND IN WADI.

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3. IDF OFFICER TOLD SFM LIAISON OFFICER THAT ONE OR MORE OF THREE-MAN PARTY MAY HAVE RIDDEN CAMELS ACROSS J-LINE, WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THIRD PRINT WAS NOT FOUND AT J-LINE. HOWEVER, LIAISON OFFICER OBSERVED NO CAMEL PRINTS AT POINT NEAR J-LINE WHERE BOOT PRINTS HEADED TOWARD IDF TERRITORY. IDF TOLD HIM EXPERIENCED TRACKERS COULD DISCERN CAMEL PRINTS AT J-LINE ALSO BUT THESE DO NOT SHOW UP ON PHOTOS.

4. COMMENT: EVIDENCE IN HAND TO DATE DOES NOT CONCLUSIVELY SHOW THAT PERSONS WHO MOVED SOUTH THROUGH WADI WITH CAMELS WERE SAME ONES WHO LEFT PRINTS CROSSING J-LINE GOING TOWARDS IDF CAMP, BUT FOOTPRINTS INDICATE THEY PROBABLY WERE. AT LEAST ONE PERSON WEARING SMOOTH SOLED BOOTS PROBABLY CROSSED J-LINE HEADED NORTH.

5. NONE OF PRINTS PHOTOGRAPHED NOVEMBER 10, 1976 RESEMBLES THOSE TAKEN AT MITLA EAST. TARPAULIN WAS RETRIEVED FROM CAVE BUT SO FAR NO IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER IT BELONGS TO IDF OR GHANBATT. ITS BAD CONDITION MAY MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT. THORNE

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